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fore, that is a little lower of 1800 than 1900, and the women should have been able to carry the day. I don't doubt the people in the farms round about did not wish to have a company established for the sale of spirits, which Miss Willard again persists in calling a "dispensary," but it must be remembered that in every farmhouse there is plenty of good strong home-made beer, and a cask of raw potent spirit purchased wholesale. An unfortunate writer on the subject says that women do not

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE HERALD'S LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE TRANSVAAL.

PROPOSED DRASTIC MEASURES AGAINST FOREIGNERS.

LONDON, April 22.

The *Transvaal*, the official organ of the Transvaal Government, makes the announcement of prompt action being taken towards imposing extreme taxation on gold and diamond mining in the Transvaal.

The object of the movement is understood to be the exclusion of foreigners.

SPEECH BY MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

EXPECTS TO REGAIN AFRIKANDER SUPPORT.

LONDON, April 23.

Mr. Chamberlain, speaking at a banquet in London, said that he was confident that England would soon regain the sympathy and support of the Afrikaner element in South Africa, when the Boers no longer refuse to redress the grievances of the Uitlanders.

PERSONALLY HE WOULD EXHAUST ALL THE POWERS OF PERSUASION AND ARGUMENT IN PARSUING TO RECOVER A GOOD RACIAL FEELING.

At all costs he would resist foreign aggression.

It is not intended, he said, unless some emergency compelled, to send a large Imperial body of troops to reinforce those that were now operating in Matabeleland, as the local forces were considered sufficient.

VIEWS OF THE TIMES.

LONDON, April 23.

The *Times*, in commenting upon Mr. Chamberlain's utterances, says that, entirely apart from the Matabele trouble, Cape Colony ought to be reinforced.

BOERS PREPARING FOR WAR.

LONDON, April 23.

The Rand correspondent of the *Hammer* writes that the Boers are relying on the support of the Orange Free State and of the Afrikaner element in Cape Colony and Natal.

The correspondent adds that the Boers are prepared to go to war unless Great Britain concedes their demands.

GERMANY IN EAST AFRICA.

SUBMISSION OF NATIVES.

LONDON, April 23.

Eleven hundred natives at Baruk, German East Africa, have yielded to Major Wissmann, the Governor.

POLITICS IN FRANCE.

REPORTED RESIGNATION OF M. BOURGEOIS.

PROBABLE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MINISTRY.

LONDON, April 22.

M. Bourgeois, the Premier and Minister of the Interior, has had an interview with M. Faure, President of the French Republic, in regard to the dispute that has arisen between the Senate and Chamber of Deputies owing to the refusal of the latter to vote a grant in connection with the administration of affairs in Madagascar.

It is understood that the President has decided to accept the resignation of M. Bourgeois.

In the event of the Chamber of Deputies passing a vote of confidence in the Government M. Bourgeois has undertaken to take a share in the reconstruction of the Ministry.

THE AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS.

DIFFICULT TO REPLACE BLACKHAM.

A TOUR FULL OF INTEREST.

LONDON, April 23.

In speaking of the *present* and of the approaching tour of the Australian Eleven, the *Standard* says that Blackham was the greatest wicket-keeper ever known, and that it will be difficult to adequately replace him.

The same journal says that the approaching tour will be one full of interest and excitement.

SUCCESS OF A COLONIAL ARTIST.

LONDON, April 22.

A picture by Mr. F. McCubbin, of Melbourne, entitled "An Idyll of the Australian Bush," is being exhibited at the Paris Salon.

EPSOM SPRING MEETING.

CITY AND SUBURBAN HANDICAP.

LONDON, April 22.

At the Epsom Spring Meeting to-day the contest for the leading event on the programme resulted as under—

CITY AND SUBURBAN HANDICAP, 20 st. 10 lb., 10 ft., with 1000 yds. added; for three-year-olds, and upwards; to be run on the course to receive 20 st. out of the stake—About 12 m.

1. Mr. R. J. W. J. Worcester, by Sandalwood, 6 years, 6 st. 12 lb.

2. Baron de Rothschild's bk. h. Amadiah, by Lavender—Avalon, aged, 8 st. 10 lb.

3. Mr. J. R. Baker's b. h. Helen, by Kilwin—Gerrard, 5 years, 6 st. 10 lb.

AUSTRALIAN APPLES.

LONDON, April 22.

The Tasmanian apples which arrived by the R.M.S. Ballarat have been landed in excellent condition, and realised from 10s to 17s 6d per case, the average price about 12s per case.

The Victorian apples, which arrived by the same vessel, were soft, having been over-ripe when shipped.

REBE, NEAR NARAYANA.

LONDON, April 22.

Large supplies of *Rebe* have been shipped by Messrs. of Sydney, for the Borneo Islands. *Rebe* is a machine-made silk for 5d. a yard.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE HERALD'S LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE SOUDAN WAR.

THE UNREST AT OMDURMAN.

QUARRELS AMONG THE KHALIFA'S BODY-GUARD.

LONDON, April 21.

Reports from the Upper Nile state that the unrest at Omdurman, opposite Khartoum, on the Nile, continues, and that there has been further fighting among the Khalifa's body-guard.

Recently they quarrelled among themselves, and 50 of them were killed.

On the present occasion, however, no fewer than 500 of them have been slain.

DISAFFECTION AMONG THE DERIVISHES.

LONDON, April 22.

Later news from the Sudan is to the effect that there is great dissatisfaction among the troops under Osman Digna.

Since the recent fighting they have been almost without food.

ARRIVAL OF THE EXPEDITION AT WADY HALFA.

LONDON, April 23.

News from the Upper Nile state that the British expeditionary force has reached Wady Halfa, near the Second Cataract on the River Nile.

THE MATABELE REVOLT.

LONDON, April 22.

It is estimated that the numbers of Matabele who have been killed in action since the commencement of the present rebellion amount to 1000 men.

The losses on the side of the settlers amount to 200, who, with the exception of a very few, were murdered by the rebels at the commencement of the outbreak.

ENGLAND AND VENEZUELA.

AN ADVERSE REPORT.

LONDON, April 23.

Mr. Smalley, the United States correspondent of the *Times*, implies in a letter to that journal that the report of the Commission appointed by President Cleveland to inquire into the dispute relative to the boundary between Venezuela and British Guiana will be adverse to the British claims.

He advises that Great Britain should seek to have a settlement of the question prior to the approaching elections in the United States.

STRENGTHENING THE SWEDISH NAVY.

LONDON, April 23.

The Diet of Sweden has sanctioned the expenditure of 11,000,000 kronas (about £2,200,000) towards improving the condition of the navy.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.

LONDON, April 23.

As Lord Aberdeen, the Governor-General of Canada, accompanied by Lady Aberdeen, was out driving at Ottawa, the horses swerved from the roadway, and falling into a waterhole, were drowned.

His Lordship succeeded in escaping from the carriage, and with difficulty rescued Lady Aberdeen from drowning.

POLITICS IN CANADA.

DISSOLUTION OF THE HOUSE.

LONDON, April 23.

The Canadian House of Commons will be dissolved on Friday.

The general elections will be held in June.

BARON HIRSCH'S FORTUNE.

THE MARKET DISTURBED.

LONDON, April 22.

The death of Baron Hirsch, the Jewish millionaire, has had the effect of disturbing the home financial market.

The deceased Baron has left an immense fortune, estimated at nearly £20,000,000.

AN ARISTOCRATIC FORGER.

LONDON, April 23.

Baron Hammerstein, formerly leader of the German Conservative party, and who was arrested at Athens on 28th December on a charge of forgery and fraud, has been convicted and sentenced to three years' penal servitude, and at the expiration of his sentence is to be deprived of his civil rights for a further period of five years.

THE PLAGUE IN HONGKONG.

LONDON, April 23.

The plague at Hongkong is increasing.

NEW MINING COMPANY.

LONDON, April 3.

The Komatua Queen Gold-mining Company is being formed with a capital of £75,000, in 75,000 shares of £1 each, the whole of which are being issued.

BROKEN HILL SHARES.

LONDON, April 23.

To-day's quotation for Broken Hill Proprietary shares is £2 10s.

NEW ZEALAND.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

The total number of applications for loans under the Advances to Settlers Act up to March 31 was 1799, and the amount authorised to be advanced was £339,497.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH OF THE COLONIAL BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.

LONDON, April 22.

The directors state that, owing to the great difficulty of finding sound and profitable investments for the employment of the bank's funds, the profits have been materially affected by the low rate ruling for money.

The proposal submitted to the authorities to send a battery-coupled of a number of the Victoria militia to service in Matabeleland has been cordially received.

The Treasurer states that there is no money available for such an undertaking, and that the offered help is not required.

In a letter which the Secretary of State for the Colonies addressed to the Governor, relative to the election of Colonel Bingham to command the Victoria militia for service in Matabeleland, Mr. Chamberlain states that the appointment is a matter of gratification, as it shows that the Victoria Government is anxious to keep its defence forces in an efficient state.

The loan pictures received from the public galleries at Sydney and Adelaide have been hung in the National Gallery, and are proving highly attractive.

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THE SANGSTER INQUIRY BOARD.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

THE BOARD APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO THE CHARGE MADE BY MR. SANGSTER, M.L.A., AS TO THE ALLEGED SHIPWRECK CONTINUED ITS SITTINGS TO-DAY.

LONDON, April 22.

The charges for the consideration of the board, Mr. Sangster had been made to the Marine Board, but they had simply been cleared over, and that the Marine Board was well able to clear them over.

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